

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 181

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DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION/Cloture (2nd Attempt)

SUBJECT: National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997 . . . S. 1745. Grams motion to close debate.

ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION REJECTED, 53-43

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1745, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, will authorize a total of \$267.3 billion in budget authority for national defense programs (the President requested \$254.3 billion). In real terms, this bill will authorize \$5.6 billion less, and the President requested \$18.6 billion less, than was provided in fiscal year (FY) 1996.

On June 25, 1996, Senator Grams sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on the bill.

NOTE: The motion to invoke cloture requires a three-fifths majority (60) vote of the Senate to succeed.

Those favoring the motion to invoke cloture contended:

After 55 hours and 10 minutes of debate on S. 1745, the Senate has disposed of 111 amendments. Most of those amendments were germane and were taken by voice vote. The reason that it is taking so long to consider this bill is that several delays have occurred on matters that have nothing to do with defense. The Majority Leader has indicated that he intends to have this bill finished today. We agree that we should finish it today as well, whether cloture is invoked now or not.

Those opposing the motion to invoke cloture contended:

We are down to a very short list of amendments that we may have to consider today before we can go to final passage. We fully intend to stay and consider those amendments. Some of them would not be germane in post-cloture debate, so we will not vote to invoke cloture, but that does not mean that we intend to filibuster this bill. We want to pass it now, before we go on recess, because if we do not Senators and their staffs will have lots more time to think up new amendments to offer. The Senate could easily spend the rest of the year on this one bill if it tried, but it should not. The defense of the Nation is too important. We urge our colleagues

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YEAS (53)			NAYS (43)		NOT VOTING (4)	
Republicans (51 or 100%)	Democrats (2 or 4%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (43 or 96%)	Republicans (2)	Democrats (2)
Abraham	Helms	Hollings		Akaka	Hatfield- ²	Baucus- ²
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Pell		Biden	Inhofe- ²	Bumpers- ²
Bennett	Jeffords			Bingaman		
Bond	Kassebaum			Boxer		
Brown	Kempthorne			Bradley		
Burns	Kyl			Breaux		
Campbell	Lott			Bryan		
Chafee	Lugar			Byrd		
Coats	Mack			Conrad		
Cochran	McCain			Daschle		
Cohen	McConnell			Dodd		
Coverdell	Murkowski			Dorgan		
Craig	Nickles			Exon		
D'Amato	Pressler			Feingold		
DeWine	Roth			Feinstein		
Domenici	Santorum			Ford		
Faircloth	Shelby			Glenn		
Frahm	Simpson			Graham		
Frist	Smith			Harkin		
Gorton	Snowe			Heflin		
Gramm	Specter			Inouye		
Grams	Stevens					
Grassley	Thomas					
Gregg	Thompson					
Hatch	Thurmond					
	Warner					

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Buisiness
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

to vote against cloture, but then to join us in quickly disposing of remaining amendments and passing this bill.